

Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Samuel L. Bufford *continued*

Legal Practice: Attorney, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP (1974-1975); Sullivan, Jones & Archer (1977-1979); Attorney, Musick, Peeler & Garrett LLP (1979-1981); Rifkind & Sterling (1981-1982); Gendel, Raskoff, Shapiro & Quittner (1982-1985)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; National Conference of Federal Trial Judges, American Bar Association; Los Angeles County Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

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Robert N. Kwan

Bankruptcy Judge

Education: Yale 1975 BA
Began Service: February 2007
Term Expires: February 2021

Government: Assistant U.S. Attorney, Tax Division, California - Central District, United States Department of Justice

Staff

Law Clerk **Brian Thomley** (714) 338-5452
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Robin L. Riblet
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1949
Education: Florida 1971 BA; San Diego 1975 JD;
NYU 1979 LLM
Began Service: March 30, 1988
Term Expires: March 2016

Legal Practice: Stutman, Treister & Glatt (1979-1988)

Current Memberships: American College of Bankruptcy; California Bankruptcy Forum; Federal Bar Association; Financial Lawyers Conference of Southern California; Los Angeles County Bar Association; Santa Barbara Bar Association

Staff

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**Kathleen Thompson**
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1945
Education: Kansas 1967 BA; UCLA 1980 JD
Began Service: April 4, 1988
Term Expires: April 3, 2016

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Calvin K. Ashland, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California (1980-1982)

Legal Practice: Associate Attorney, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP (1982-1988)

Current Memberships: Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

Staff

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Alan M. Ahart
Bankruptcy Judge

Education: UC Berkeley 1970 AB; SUNY (Albany) 1975 JD;
Pennsylvania 1979 LLM
Began Service: April 1988
Term Expires: April 2016

Current Memberships: Federal Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

Staff

Law Clerk **Lorraine M. Graw** (213) 894-1530
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Term Expires: September 2011
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**Ernest M. Robles**
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1956
Education: UC Berkeley 1978 BA;
Michigan 1981 JD
Began Service: June 12, 1993
Term Expires: June 11, 2021
Political Affiliation: Republican

Government: Assistant United States Trustee, United States Department of Justice (1988-1993)

Legal Practice: Musick, Peeler & Garrett (1981-1982); Hancock, Rother & Bunshoft (1982-1987); Kornblum & McBride (1987-1988)

Current Memberships: American Bankruptcy Institute; Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum; Los Angeles County Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

Staff

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Term Expires: September 2011
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Education: Occidental; UCLA 1988 JD
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**Thomas B. Donovan**
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1935
Education: UC Berkeley 1957 BA;
Boalt Hall 1962 JD
Began Service: March 21, 1994
Term Expires: March 20, 2022

Legal Practice: Associate, Covington & Burling LLP (1962-1963); Associate, Dinkelspiel & Dinkelspiel (1964-1969); Partner, Dinkelspiel, Donovan & Reder (1969-1993)

Military Service: United States Army (1957-1959)

Current Memberships: American Bankruptcy Institute; American College of Bankruptcy; California Bankruptcy Forum; Financial Lawyers Conference of Southern California; Los Angeles County Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

Staff

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Career Law Clerk **Candace L. Crociani** (213) 894-3746
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**Erithe A. Smith**
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1957
Education: Loyola Marymount 1979 BA;
Boalt Hall 1982 JD
Began Service: May 2, 1994
Term Expires: May 1, 2022

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Marcus M. Kaufman, California Court of Appeals (1982-1983); Law Clerk The Honorable Peter M. Elliott, United States Bankruptcy Court (1983-1985)

Legal Practice: McKittrick, Jackson, DeMarco & Peckenpaugh (1985-1987); Lobel, Winthrop & Broker (1987-1994)

Current Memberships: American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Orange County Bankruptcy Forum

Staff

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Term Expires: 2010
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**Meredith A. Jury**
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Colorado 1969 BA;
Wisconsin 1971 MA, 1972 MS; UCLA 1976 JD
Began Service: November 24, 1997
Term Expires: November 2011

Legal Practice: Associate, Best Best & Krieger LLP (1976-1997)

Current Memberships: Federal Bar Association; Riverside County Bar Association; State Bar of California

Staff

Law Clerk **Chad Haes** (951) 774-1045
Began Service: 2009
Term Expires: 2010
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